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25X1 Pushkino (or Pushkin or Pushkinskoye)

Recent information indicates that a special school for foreign Communists is located in a suburb of Moscow called Pushkino. The location and other descriptions available about this school suggest that it may be the same establishment reported several times during the 1940's where foreign Communists received training. In the earlier reports it was generally called Pushkin. The location may be similar to that of Pushkinskoye, described as one of the locations of the Comintern for a brief time in the early 1940's.

According to recent information, the Pushkino school is designed almost exclusively for foreign Communists, and apparently is equipped to handle a considerable number of students. It has no other specific address but reportedly is near a military airfield and is disguised as a convalescent home—a description similar to the "rest home" at Pushkin reported in 1943 as being actually a CP school for foreign trainees. Courses of study have been described as being generally the same for all foreigners at Pushkino. Apparently they center on three main subjects: philosophy, political economy and history of the CPSU.

One interesting factor reported about Pushkino is that some courses—possibly many—are taught by foreign Communist functionaries themselves to their fellow countrymen. This may stem in part from language considerations, but it may also indicate that trainees at Pushkino are not considered on the same select educational level as those who attend the other CPSU training establishments. It is possible that Pushkino is designed to cope with comparatively large numbers of foreign trainees and for that reason, foreign functionaries assume administrative roles and the courses are simplified. The indication that the courses are generally the same for all foreigners, however, points up the fact that centralized control is exerted by the CPSU.

According to a recent report, there has been some discontent among foreign trainees with certain aspects of the

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courses given at Pushkino. Discontent has centered on a feeling that the courses overstressed the CPSU and underemphasized the CP's of other countries. Reportedly, the curriculum is to be modified in this respect.

Other

Reports are often so vague and confusing that it has not been possible to identify specifically any other schools where foreign Communists may be receiving special Party training within the USSR. It is believed, however, that other schools do exist. References to an Institute of Communist Studies, a Study Center, a Lenin Academy, a Karl Marx School, a Lenin Institute and a "special Party school" are but some of the various names received in reports. They may refer to some of the establishments discussed above or they may refer to schools which it has not yet been possible to identify.

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